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to an abstract, conventional, and necessarily futile exposition of the place of statistics as a "*selbständige Wissenschaft*," the treatment is mainly concerned with the methods and functions of official statistics, with special reference to German-speaking countries. There is also a short account of some of the elementary and non-mathematical methods of statistical analysis. The book is lucidly and interestingly written and may be commended to the American student who wishes some knowledge of the organization, methods, and scientific spirit of official statistical work in Germany and of the somewhat complex scheme of German official statistical publications.

The new edition of Professor Liesse's treatise differs but little from the first edition, which was published in 1905. An appendix of 10 pages, giving a cursory treatment of the use of statistics in banking, railway transportation, and insurance has been added, and there are a few minor changes. The book remains a pleasantly written but rather discursive treatment of elementary statistical methods, with special emphasis upon the various sorts of fallacies to which the misuse of statistics may lead. Its point of view is somewhat provincial: it smacks distinctly of the flavor of the discussions of the Société de Statistique. On the whole it is a book which one can safely afford to neglect.

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